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TAGS: PFOR SY

SUBJ: SYRIAN MEDIA GIVES MODEST COVERAGE TO SADAT'S US VISIT

1. SYRIAN MEDIA GAVE MODEST, FACTUAL COVERAGE TO SADAT'S VISIT TO US. NO COMMENTARY HAS YET APPEARED ASSESSING VISIT OR GIVING SYRIAN VIEWS.

2. GENERALLY, ARTICLES ABOUT VISIT APPEARED ON FRONT PAGES BUT IN ONLY ONE INSTANCE WAS IT LEAD ARTICLE. FEW PICTURES OF SADAT APPEARED. ARTICLES USUALLY COMPOSITE OF DESPATCHES FROM MENA AND AFP. HOWEVER, OVERALL IMPRESSION CREATED BY ARTICLES WAS POSITIVE.

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3. PRESS GAVE CONSIDERABLE PROMINENCE TO STATEMENT THAT TWO PRESIDENTS WOULD WORK FOR RESUMING GENEVA CONFERENCE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR. ONE ARTICLE CAPTIONED, "CARTER SAYS AMERICA WILL EXERT EFFORTS THROUGH ITS GOOD OFFICES IN SEARCH OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF MIDEAST PROBLEM." ARTICLES PARTICULARLY STRESSED ALL REMARKS SADAT MADE INDICATING PALESTINIANS CENTRAL

TO THE PROBLEM AND ENCOURAGING US DIALOGUE WITH PLO.  
ONE PAPER CAPTIONED ARTICLE "SADAT: 'NO PEACE SETTLEMENT  
WITHOUT PALESTINIANS.'" REMARKS CARRIED FROM SADAT'S  
PRESS CONFERENCE DWELT ON SADAT'S COMMENTS THAT NO  
NATION COULD PERMIT ITS TERRITORY TO REMAIN UNDER ANOTHER'S  
CONTROL (SPEAKING ABOUT UN BUFFER ZONES) AND HIS ADMISSION  
THAT POSSIBILITY OF DEMILITARIZED ZONES ON BOTH SIDES OF  
BORDER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. ARTICLES ALSO REPORTED HIS  
STATEMENTS ON SOUTH LEBANON IN WHICH SADAT NOTED THAT  
HE HAD URGED CARTER TO PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAELIS  
OVER THEIR ROLE THERE.  
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